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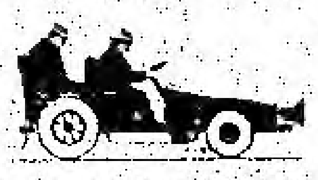

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Weekly whirligig

By K. W.

"Jap" or "Japanese"

It's a rare philosopher among us who doesn't turn up with injured pride whenever we hear or see ourselves referred to as "Japs." Not without reason, for Occidentals generally, and English-speaking people particularly, have made use of the three letters, "Jap" to express the ultimate in insulting contempt, — just as they have coined in English such terms as "Chink," "Nigger," "Hun," "Wop," or "Dago." There does not seem to be an equally derogatory term in English to apply to those of "British" stock, but we do have an insulting term in Japanese, "Keto," and probably other foreign languages make use of similar epithets to describe their loathing of "foreigners."

Just at present we are in the middle of a "Jap" wave. Whenever there is popular feeling against Japan, the term is used as an expression of that feeling, and in the process we too get tarred, much to our resentment. Thus, the word finds its way from a description of the Japanese navy on the front page to the exploits of the ball team on the sport page. And that gets us all hot and bothered.

I think we get that way to an unnecessary degree. Often in our injured pride, we take offense where none is meant, and read into the most casual remark a whole world of insult. Actually, to many Canadian people, (and I think I've met as many as anyone), the word "Jap" is only a very convenient short form of "Japanese," conveying to them no further meaning than would "Keto." In the same way that we use the term "Nisei" instead of "Second Generation," they use the term "Jap." To the headline writer on the daily paper especially, a three-lettered word meaning the same thing as an eight-lettered word makes all the difference between dashing off a nice, easy headline or struggling with furrowed brow for many a long minute—the deadline rushing down upon us. Again we speak from experience!—if only we could use the word on this sheet!

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"Can't Think Fast Enough . . ."

A biting, but true, criticism of the Nisei came to light at a recent meeting as to why so few of us every take part in discussions on Nisei questions. We like to kid ourselves of course that we don't say anything because we are too shy and backward. No doubt there is a good deal of truth in that, but just the same we have to admit that an equally good reason for not saying anything is that we haven't any ideas to express.

Yet most of us possess a high degree of native intelligence, and have had sufficient education to think reasonably on most of our problems. But it does seem that we do not learn in school to be readily receptive to ideas and impressions; and we fail to learn to examine what we see and hear around us critically, and put it all logically together. If we do try, it usually takes hours or days for it to go through all the brain connections.

After leaving school we stop learning by study and we haven't been trained to learn through contact and experience with people. Instead of broadening our viewpoint, instead of widening our knowledge, we fall into a mental stagnation that finds neither reason nor interest in anything beyond the daily round of feeding our animal appeties. Wherefore our lack of personality, our lack of color, our lack of ideas.

On the Newsfront

L.A. Queen Contestants Reduced to Ten Semi-Finalists

LOS ANGELES.—Nine of the remaining contestants were eliminated from the race for Nisei Festival Queen in the 7th annual contest. The top three candidates, Shizuyo Ishino, Reiko Inouye and Dorothy Iijima retained their lead at the head of the remaining ten. By August 13, five more will be eliminated.

Japanese Sentenced For Second Degree Murder

KALISPELL, Mont.—Sam Kimura, Japanese railway worker, was sentenced Monday to serve twenty years in the state penitentiary for the second-degree murder of Shun T. Takahashi, a bookkeeper, whom he shot and killed following an argument in Whitefish, Montana, last month.

Japan Still to Get Hollywood Thrillers

TOKYO.—Japanese movie-goers who are particularly addicted to American films, heaved a sigh of relief when the finance ministry ruled that the distribution of films does not come under the freezing regulation enforced July 28.

According to finance ministry authorities, United States motion picture companies may distribute films if permits for their distribution have been obtained.

American N.Y.K. Officials Ignorant of Ship Cancellations

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nippon Yusen Kaisya officials here and in Seattle said Tuesday that they had heard no word that scheduled sailings of the Hikawa Maru and Nitta Maru from Japan to North American ports had been cancelled.

T. Hasegawa, Seattle manager, said that there were no immediate plans under consideration for closing the N.Y.K. offices in Seattle or even of reducing the present staff, since "there has been no cause to consider such a move."

Kazuyoshi Inagaki, consul in San Francisco, declared that he had not yet received any official word from Tokyo regarding the suspension of shipping schedules. Even if the regular schedule is suspended, the Japanese authorities may substitute temporary sailings to take care of urgent needs, he asserted.

Seattle Japanese Community Float Wins First Prize

SEATTLE. — Seattle's Japanese Community Potlatch parade float won top honours in the annual civic celebration when Miss Mary Kawamura, attractively dressed as one of the four nurses who graced the float, was presented a trophy cup as first prize in the non-commercial float division.

Asama Maru Another Mystery Ship of Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Japanese liner Asama Maru, which circled around in the Pacific for a week with several hundred passengers and $3,000,000 in raw silk, has as yet failed to reach San Francisco. It was believed that the ship had returned to Japan, following the implementation of freezing orders.

The Asama was last heard of when she docked in Honolulu after circling around for a week after the announcement of the American freezing steps.

'Our Town' Cool Despite Growing Threat of War

VANCOUVER.—That characteristic of stoical calm popularly attributed to Oriental peoples has never been more vividly demonstrated to this observer than the manner in which the Japanese Canadian community here reacts each day to the train of events in Tokyo, Washington and London, that seem to bring a Pacific war more and more closely at hand.

It would be difficult to imagine any group of people in Canada likely to find itself so much "on the spot" in the event of war. Isolated for the most part in distinct communities, and easily recognizeable as members of an alien, enemy race, local residents would find themselves in a very difficult and unhappy position.

Nevertheless, the approaching showdown seems to cause such a negligible stir in the community that it is noteworthy. Business goes on as usual, in fact somewhat better than usual. Baseball still holds the limelight, meetings and social events proceed without a break, the vernacular press rolls into the street each day, plans are going ahead for welfare drives, for conferences in the fall, for winter programs of many kinds.

Even real estate dealers report that business picks up in one or two days after a short-lived lull, following sudden adverse international events such as the recent freezing action.

In part this cool, unruffled attitude may be due to the still widely-held belief that actual war is still a long way off and may not develop at all. In part it is due to the determination not to be stampeded by fright. For the rest, the philosophical bowing to uncontrollable forces seems to be the only plausible answer.

JCCL Library To Help Nisei Study Racial Relations

VANCOUVER.—Second generation interested in the Japanese question in British Columbia and the problem of racial relations generally will shortly have access to the best available material on the subject.

Miss Hide Hyodo, recording secretary of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens League, last night said that the library committee of the J.C.C.L. would comb the huge Library of Congress book catalogue at the University of British Columbia to secure titles and publishers of all available pertinent books.

(The Library of Congress catalogue at U.B.C. contains several million cards, and is added to regularly. The most complete catalogue in the world, it is one of only three in Canada.)

The committee, which also includes Miyo Ishiwata and Kazuhiko Oyama, will also seek out important magazine articles, and have copies reproduced and bound for the library.

With this important addition, the J.C.C.L. library, housed in the office of The New Canadian, will have two principal sections, one on Japan and Japanese culture, the other on racial relations. It will be an invaluable source of information for serious study.

The Fraser Yields Up a Harvest of Silver

STEVESTON, B.C.—That frenzied activity that has no parallel in any other industry in the world once again has swept this quaintly-odd fishing village at the mouth of the Fraser into a fever of sweat and speed and endurance.

The Sockeye Run is on! A silvery trail of instinct-bound sockeye salmon is heading for the upper reaches of the muddy, mighty river, there to spawn and to die. In their death is the creation of the seeds of a new harvest that four years hence will return to these same waters to call forth again the fever of the "cycle year" that has the whole of the lower Fraser in its grip.

Leaping and splashing, some steadily and powerfully, other dilatory and tardily, the salmon are coming. This is the run that should have come last year, and for which the fishermen waited all season with empty nets and emptier pockets. Now in a few days the peak of the run will be over, the horde will dwindle to a mere trickle, but for the past two weeks boats have been averaging 150-200 fish each night.

So the run is on! And there is a buoyancy in the air in Steveston, almost an electric excitement, that overrides the numb aching weariness that comes from lack of sleep and endless hours of exhaustion.

For while the run is on, there is only work, work, and more work, night and day, day and night. Not for five years has there been a run like this—a run that began in earnest just two weeks ago and even now is ebbing away. So it is that men must work in two weeks to reap the harvest that will keep them and their families for the whole year. Prices are good, averaging 65c per fish, and the fish are here! There is no time for eating and sleeping, because the fish will not wait for union hours or man's weaknesses.

The riverfront is no less busy. Into the giant canneries every hour pours the silver harvest. In a few hours it emerges tightly packed and sealed in shining tin cans. Canned salmon! A B. C. product. Food for the Empire. 80 per cent of the pack will go to the hard-pressed people of Great Britain. Supplies no less vital in the struggle against Hitlerism than T.N.T. or forged steel.

Here are the women and girls of Steveston, deep in the midst of a slippery, slimy, deafening hell that stinks to high heaven. With deft, flying fingers all day they pack the raw fish into cans. It is easy now to make $4-$5 per day in the cannery. The fastest, toughest workers can reach sometimes as high as $10

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U.B.C. Grad Bulletin Now Off The Press

VANCOUVER.—A total of 73 Japanese have taken bachelor degrees at the University of British Columbia since 1916, the year of the University's founding, it is revealed in the 1941 bulletin, just about ready for distribution.

The bulletin, comprising twelve mimeographed pages of news on the graduates, is dedicated to Dr. Masajiro Miyazaki, first president of the Alumni Association. A sketch of Dr. Miyazaki has been executed by Sam Yamada, well-known Nisei artists and photographer. The cover design is by George Shimo-takahara.

Liberal arts degrees are the most plentiful among the alum-

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Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

COMMENTS

A recipe for a rainy day.

Nothing gets a girl who is out for a living, be she office girl, clerk, houseworker, dressmaker, than to get up to face a wet world, with the sky a leaden gray, the wind sharp through a light summer suit, and another routine day staring her in the face.

But there are compensations in the life of a working girl . . . the prospect of a glowing fire at the end of a rainy day, with a hot bath . . . friends like yourself, waiting to keep you company . . . to be able to let down one's hair, and to be able to come down to brass tacks . . . to give and take from the depths of our small experience . . . to give vent to our emotions in words as black as you feel . . . to hear the kettle singing . . . to open a fresh jar of raspberry jam, and as the wax seal is broken, to get a whiff of home, of raspberries fresh on the bush, of fragrant stocks, of mother's voice . . . to laugh over the day's idiosyncracies, perhaps weep a little, too . . . to slip into a gay-patterned housecoat, red slippers, and to let your hair wander where it wills . . . to shut out the world of invoices, worries, office manners, telephone calls . . . to shed the hard cloak of a business world . . . and to be just one's self.

Life has its compensations. Life is glorious, then, regardless . . .

A quiet tale of courage.

Not all the great stories of courage are given a space in the news front. One meets them in queer, unexpected circumstances, in all sorts of strange, unpremeditated places. And, we are such stuff that it is only when we meet up with some courageous spirit that we realize that our lot is perhaps not so bad, that our way of life is really a fortunate one.

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I met him in a hospital. He had come to see a friend of his, and so we chanced to meet, and say "hello." Tall, fair-haired, slightly inebriated he was, as he "kidded" the laughter back into the face of his friend, as he gave back quip for quip, laugh for laugh. He laughed at his friend, at himself, at the whole cock-eyed world, and bought ice-cream for the whole party.

He had an intent way of gazing at a person—one couldn't help but notice how blue-green his eyes were as they became fixed upon you, how his lashes curled long and upward . . . and how his smile quirked the corners of his mouth. A gay, Beau Brummel, with never a care . . . a happy-go-lucky sort of fellow.

And he talked "a blue streak" . . . of France, of Paris . . . of law . . . of radio telegraph . . . he told a few naughty jokes . . . quoted Shakespeare, several French poets . . . gave his theories on government . . . and I thought to myself, "What a shame!" Here was a man of many abilities . . . and here he was, slightly tipsy, a gay fellow, without a serious thought in the world.

Then he began his exit. He could not find the door. He was more than tipsy, I thought. For one imperceptible moment, he teetered, then his hand went out . . . he had found the door. With a "chins up, buddy," he was out of the door, groping his way.

Our gay Beau Brummell was slowly going blind . . . there was no cure for it. Two years ago, he was in the army . . . seven years, perhaps nine, years ago, he had planned to become a lawyer, but because of his eyes, no one would take him in as a student-at-law save one old lawyer, an old family friend . . . but he couldn't see the words printed on the legal page . . . he turned to radio telegraphy . . . but again his eyes failed him . . . and now, in St. Paul's Hospital, he sells ice-cream and gum, chocolate bars and candy . . . in his own especial manner.

He cannot see two feet away from his face. The objects that he sees, the faces he meets, are misty blurs to him, but one would never guess. His is the story of courage . . . of courage and laughter in the face of a slow, inevitable, oncoming darkness . . . and he is only 29!

QUATRAIN

Before the summer dawns and briefly after,
Bird voices mingle with my dreams half spent,
The robin's call, the brown wren's laughter,
And the sweet thrush notes, wide and innocent.

—*Rachel Meck*

water 'neath the bridge

By T. M. K.

It's high time I strummed another ditty to my backyard and how it flourishes beneath the sun and rain (the sprinkler system, if you please), and intermittent weeding.

I always thought that tomatoes grew from only one stalk, or am I seeing things when I say that mine have as many as eight stalks, every one bearing fruit? All from one root? Such enormous leaf spread, too! I do hope the red tomatoes will live up to their heritage.

Two years ago there were myriads of pansies all around the borders. Last year there wasn't one to be seen. Then, this spring, what do I find hither and thither but countless tiny bits of green that I could swear were the long-lost pansies. So lovingly I scooped them out with a teaspoon and set them in orderly rows just this side of the snapdragons and zinnias. I hadn't much hope that they would bloom, but any way I left them to the mercy of Mother Nature. Imagine my delight and surprise now to see purple pansies, yellow pansies blooming right and left with never a care in the world.

Without being a fancier, without knowing the rules of perfect gardening, I manage to get a riot of color, fragrance and fruit out of little seeds. What immense satisfaction it gives!

Then in my more serious moments I marvel. Life eternal is in my backyard. Though this house may rot and crumble, the grass will grow, and flowers bloom. Left to themselves the stronger plants probably will choke out the frail ones, the vines will spread and cling to anything, but the flowers will bloom and the seeds for the next year will fall to rise again. Hollyhock and foxglove, columbine and rose will grow hither and yon, helter-skelter, till Man's tender discipline shall put them back in net rows around a home.

To love a garden because it is a garden, weeds and all, is very like the love a mother bears her children, faults and all.

For me it's another lazy day, gloating over my flowers and vegetables, yearning for some fruit trees, wanting to do the hedge all over again, weeding spasmodically and dreaming of a better garden next year.

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WILLOWS

The silken lengths
Of Willow streamers
Quiver and curve and gleam

Lost in the mist-veiled
Shimmer of a
Radiant sunlit dream

And, unaware that—
their ribbon ends
Are trailing in the stream.

E. B. de V.

'round The MUSIC BOX *with a.y.*

The saxophone need neither be ashamed, nor proud of its past history. Its beginnings undoubtedly have quite a bit to do with the fact that it has not been fully accepted into the symphony orchestra but that it has become part and parcel of the dance band.

We owe the saxophone to the inventive genius of Adolphe Sax who in 1842 came to Paris with hardly any money but with a queer-looking instrument (so it seemed at least to the people of those days) that was half-brasswind, half-woodwind. He explained to the musicians and critics he met that this "saxophone" was a brass instrument fitted with the "single-reed" mouthpiece of the clarinet. He won quite a few supporters who gave him the necessary money to start business. Jealous rivals and competitors made the going difficult for Mr. Sax but he persevered to win out. When his instrument was introduced into the French military bands it made a big hit right away, and soon became an indispensable instrument. Brought over to America, the saxophone didn't take long to jump from the military to the dance band.

ADOLPHE SAX, THE INVENTOR

There are five groups of saxophones in common use today: (1) soprano, (2) alto, (3) tenor, (4) baritone, (5) bass. I may note here in passing, that popular music writers and critics mean the saxophone and not the human voice when they speak of an "alto" or "tenor."

These different saxes work on the same principle, the "fingering" (method of playing) is the same for all five. The technique, I am told, is remarkably easy, simple and regular. Scales, arpeggios and tricky passages present little trouble to a person once he has mastered the fundamentals of playing.

As may be expected, the tone of the sax combines the qualities of a brasswind and a woodwind. It has the mellowness of the French horn and the bright clear tone of the clarinet (especially the soprano and alto). In "forte" (loud) passages it is a poor second to the trumpet or trombone; but, on the other hand, in the score calling for "piano" (soft playing), it can blend but rarely slip out of sight into the orchestral background, which the clarinet or flute finds easy to do, and its notes can be readily detected. But this disappearing trick is hardly necessary in the jazz band where the saxophones' rich tone is desperately needed to offset the blare and blast of the brasses.

QUALITIES OF THE SAXOPHONE

Although the altos and tenors form the mainstay of the sax section, the soprano and baritone (and less frequently the bass) saxes are also brought into play. As for saxophonists (saxist for short), I find it difficult to name any one outstanding player because there are so many excellent ones. Among the saxists specializing on alto are: "Toots" Mondello, Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Carter and Hymie Shertzer. Leading the tenor men are Tex Beneke, Charlie Barnet, Eddie Miller, Coleman Hawkins, George Auld, Bud Freeman and Tony Pastor.

Some orchestra leaders have capitalized on the use of the saxophone. Shep Fields, the innovator of the "rippling rhythm," burst a bombshell in the orchestral world recently when he came out with his new band fronted by a TEN-man reed section. NO brass and the regular rhythm group. Men in his reed section are equipped to play one piccolo, eight flutes, one alto flute, ten clarinets, three bass clarinets, four alto saxes, six tenors, one baritone and one bass—a total of thirty-five reeds. For the most part, Fields contrasts his high and low reeds, say four altos and a clarinet against a background of five tenor saxes. For special effects he bring in the various reeds in different combinations. Swingsters who are accustomed to the solid fortissimo of the brasses will hardly get their fill from Field's reed offerings. But it's a novel experience to listen to some of his new Bluebird recordings such as "Donna" and "I've Found a Million Dollar Baby."

FIELDS' TEN-MAN REED SECTION

And of course, you all know how Glenn Miller made musical history by introducing a five-man reed section, with four saxes and a clarinet to obtain that lush melody featured in many of his earlier recordings.

Now, don't get the idea that the saxophone is shunned altogether by classical composers. Some writers, especially the French, (Bizet and Massenet) were rather fond of creating little tunes for the saxophone. Richard Strauss went a step further, and composed a part for a quartet of saxes in one of his works. Undoubtedly, the sudden popularity of the saxophone in the French military bands and composers caused the "highbrows" of other countries to turn antagonized away from it. At all events, I regret that the saxophone was not invented before Beethoven's time because I feel that that great musical genius would have made at least an attempt of exploring its possibilities and perhaps might have incorporated it into the symphony orchestra.

THE SAXOPHONE AND THE CLASSICS

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TOWN TOPICS

● Nuptial Vows

A late afternoon wedding at St. James Church on Saturday, August 9, will unite in marriage, Miyo Molly, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hirano, 1149 Semlin, and Mr. Rozaimon Yada, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Yada, North Vancouver.

Rev. Nakayama will officiate.

A reception for the couple will be held directly after the ceremony at the home of the groom-elect. Mr. and Mrs. S. Mizuhara were the baishakunin.

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● Powell Y.P.S. Executive

Mr. George MacTaggart, assistant missionary convenor of the Greater Vancouver Young People's Union, was the guest speaker at the Powell Y. P. S. Executive Meeting held Wednesday evening, August 6, at the home of Miss Kay Yasunaka, 2696 Trinity St., at 8 p.m. Mr. MacTaggart's topic was "Christian Missions".

This meeting was the fourth in a series of summer meetings by the society in preparation for the fall term.

● Marietta School Graduation

The Marietta School of Costume Design will hold their graduation dinner and dance in the Dining Room of David Spencers Limited on Saturday, August 9, commencing 6 p.m.

● J.C.C.L. Executive

Executive members of the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League are reminded of the monthly executive meeting to be held Friday evening, August 8, at 8:00 p.m., at the office of The New Canadian.

● Powell Y.P. Executive

Members of the Powell Y. P. executive are urged to attend a very important meeting to discuss several business matters at the Church library room, next Monday, August 11.

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Gakuyukai Drama Club Invites Actors

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The Drama Club of the Gakuyukai is getting together this evening at the Japanese School to make plans for its fall activities. A play is slated for production under the direction of Frank Nakamura, and everybody, anybody, who is even the slightest bit interested in plays, is welcome.

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Queen Contest Head

No event south of the border attracts greater interest each year than the annual Nisei Festival week in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League. Highlight of the festival is the choosing of the beauteous queen to reign over the celebrations and in the current contest, twenty girls are still in the running. Last year's queen, Shizue Kobayashi (above), heads the Queen Committee directing the beauty-fest.

Fairview Mission Conducts Second Vacation School

The Fairview Japanese United Mission will hold its second annual Church Vacation School commencing Monday, August 11 and continuing for five days to August 15.

Last year, over seventy youngsters between the ages of four and fourteen enjoyed the varied program offered by the school. This year, two departments will be organized. The lower department will be for children, four to eight years. Miss Lily Uyeda will be in charge of this department, assisted by Emiko Uchida and and Yoshiko Shimotakahara.

The uppert department for children from nine to fourteen will be instructed by Miss Ayako Okura, in charge of the girls, Kimiko Kato, Yuki Nishidera, Sachiko Shimotakahara and Takashi Komiyama, the principal, who will be in charge of the boys. He will be assisted by Mitsuo Ohora and Katsumi Takimoto.

The daily program opens at 9:15 a.m. with worship, followed by music, recreation, Bible study and notebook work periods. The last period each day is devoted to handicraft work.

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Christian Young People

Pre-Convention Meetings Planned

A new departure—the sending of invitations to as many Nisei young people's societies to attend the Seventh Annual B. C. Young People's Christian Conference—is being contemplated by the Y.P.C.C. executive. Under this arrangement it is hoped to have representatives from Vancouver Island, up-Coast, and the Interior take part in the convention.

With this in view the executive has scheduled a leaders' retreat for August 24, Sunday, at which a workable plan will be drawn up to launch a pre-convention series of meetings among Nisei groups. Due to the pressure of time and other conflicting factors, executive members are wryly predicting an "all work and no play" session for the leaders' retreat.

But considerable progress has been made in the planning of the confab. Discussion leaders, speakers and secretarial choices have been tentatively made.

Conference Schedule

The conference weekend will start Saturday evening, November 8, when a delegates supper is scheduled at which business matters will be taken up.

Not to neglect the invaluable social aspect of the convention, a social is being planned for St. James Hall from 8 to 11 that same evening. Billed are skits, folk and popular dances and refreshments. Plans are afoot to make this social a lively and memorable affair and to help each delegate to rub shoulders with everyone else.

Conference Sunday will start at 9:45 when a short morning service will strike the keynote of the convention. To enable the out-of-town societies to take an active part, the Steveston Young People's Society is being approached to take charge of this brief service and worship.

Committees for registration, luncheon, musicale, publicity, closing banquet are still to be selected. The evening worship will be looked after by this year's executive. The installation of new officers will also take place at this concluding ceremony.

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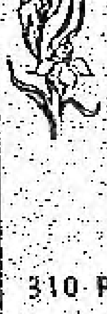
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Curtain Coming Down

EVENTS of the past week have served above all to draw more and more clearly the sharp lines of division between this Canada, our home and native country, and Japan, the land from whence we have sprung. We cannot now, if ever we have during the past two years, escape the implications of these facts and these events. There now can be no refuge, if ever there was, in wishful thinking.

Clearly set before us is the train of forces that have pushed the opposite shores of the Pacific further and further apart. We had hoped, and we may yet hope again in the future, to be of aid in bringing that ocean with understanding and friendly goodwill. Instead of that, we see today the imminent possibility that the ocean, which was to have been the fundation of peace, will become the death trap of hate and destruction.

Nevertheless, out of the rubble, out of the dust and broken bits of a shattered dream, has come a more deeply realized appreciation of our own future. If world history has set before us this cruel division, our own personal history has made each one of us aware that our choice can be no other than that of unswerving loyalty to the land that has borne and nurtured us.

Perhaps we can be philosophically theatrical. These events today are ringing down the curtain upon the closing scenes in the first act of our little drama. It is the first act of a play that began when our fathers and mothers first came to this country, to settle, to build homes, to bear us, their children. It is an act that comes to a close with this realization—born though it may be in sorrow and struggle and war—that as a people we are here, that we shall stay, that we shall live on in a third and fourth generation.

To our life span stretching before us belongs the second act,—to play it as we can against fate and fortune, to shape it as we can with hand and brain. And what we can accomplish as men and women, is of utmost importance. For upon it depends so much of the happiness and ultimate triumph of our children, a future generation, who will play the third, and we hope, the final act in our drama.

In Search Of Opportunity

DISPERSION of Japanese Canadians eastward has been a much discussed subject among the second generation. As yet, however, the discussion has lead to no concrete results of any importance, and instead of the Japanese community growing and expanding outward, it would be equally safe to say that the community has tended rather to turn inward to itself.

For over a decade economic conditions in the industrial East have not been rosy. The fact has loomed very large in discouraging any possible trek of young men eastward,—despite the attractions that a considerably-less prejudiced population might offer. It is significant, to us now, therefore, that the shortage of manpower generally is being felt much more keenly in the industrial areas of eastern Canada than is the case on the Pacific coast. Reports are current of the keenest demand for workers of any size, shape, or capacity.

If any move eastward is contemplated among the second generation it may well be true that economic conditions right now are as close to being ideal as they have ever been or are likely to be for at least another decade. Against that, of course, is a tense international situation. But there is reason to believe that the people of eastern Canada may not be as readily inclined as British Columbians to divert prejudice felt against Japan itself upon a second generation individual, who is able to hold his own among Canadians.

It is wholly true that employment in British Columbia is good, and that jobs are plentiful. But it ought to be apparent to even the most optimistic of us that the chances for the average Nisei to rise above discrimination and obtain a position better than a relatively low-paid industrial worker are very slim chances indeed.

On the other hand, it may well be true that an enterprising Nisei, intent upon climbing higher in life, may find prejudice a much easier obstacle to surmount in the east, if he goes down there now and digs in. There ought to be food for thought here among some of our more ambitious and intelligent young men, and perhaps a field of study for a few of our more worth-while Nisei organizations.

THE OLD MAN

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By G. T. WATANABE

IN the evening, after a hard day's work tending his flowers and strawberries, he sits down on the davenport, and picks up the newspaper, and invariably dozes away after a few minutes of scrutinizing the headlines.

Lulled by the radio turned on very low, his eyes close, his head falls on his chest, his glasses slide down his nose and he falls fast asleep.

Evening after evening, it never fails.

Sometimes we wake him gently. "Wake up, father, wake up." The Old Man will jerk suddenly, then with a sheepish grin, go back to his paper. But a few minutes later he is fast asleep again.

The Old Man has a right to be sleepy. Though he is nearing his seventies, he is up bright and early working in the soil, hoeing, planting, trimming. All day long he toils, and in the afternoon, with the hot June sun beating down, his shirt is wet with perspiration.

And so in the evening, after a hot tub, his eyes will close no matter how hard he may try to keep awake.

The Old Man is nearing his seventies. But, by looking at him, no one would ever guess it. Most people guess his age at fifty. Life-long friends of the Old Man say he hasn't changed in the last twenty years; some even venture to remark that he is getting more youthful-looking, which brings a smile of pleasure on the Old Man's face.

The Old Man is young in spirit, despite his years and his shining bald head (which once caused Sonny, four years old, at the time, to yell out, "Look there's Grandpa!" when he saw the seven dwarves in Disney's "Snow White." His face is ruddy, his eyes are sparkling and eager and he's spry.

The Old Man has always been a good companion, a steadfast friend. When we were little boys, he would make numerous sailboats for us and together we would sail the miniature boats. Every Saturday, he'd take us to the nickelodeon to see the latest chapter of the weekly serials. And when the radio first came out, it was the Old Man who stayed up late in the night with us and worked on the crystal sets and one-tubers.

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Though the Old Man won't know what the word means, he is a liberal in the best sense of the word. Our friends, upon meeting the Old Man, are impressed by his tolerance and and kindliness and good common sense.

He is an ardent Christian, but definitely not of the joy-killing variety. He does not try to force his beliefs down other people's throats.

He has faith in the Nisei and when certain Issei speak disparagingly of the Nisei, he will remark that the Issei were no model creatures in their youth some thirty years back.

He has faith in America. He is forever reminding us what a debt we owe to this country. Where else, he asks, could emigrants settle and see their children graduate from high school, all at the expense of the State? Where else, says he, is there such kindliness and good neighbourliness as in the United States.

The Viewpoint of Thinking Canadians

IF and when the final story of Japanese immigration, settlement and ultimate assimilation into the national life of Canada is told, one of the more decisive turning points in that story may well be recorded as the changing viewpoint which emerged in definite form in the '40's. True it is a viewpoint that was voiced by a lone prophet or two way back in the twenties. But it is only in the last two or three years that it has gained widespread approval and adoption among thinking Canadians who are in any way conversant with the factual and human realities of the Japanese problem in Canada.

It is a viewpoint and realization voiced by Mrs. Laura E. Jamieson, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation member of the British Columbia Legislature, in the current issue of the "Canadian Forum", scholarly "leftish" monthly published in Toronto.

Mrs. Jamieson has written a brief article describing some of the highlights in racial relations in the company town of Ocean Falls. Nisei readers, more accustomed to the type of article pounded out by "hack writers" to sell to a gullible, emotional public, will find her study unbiased, her conclusions encouraging.

"The heads of the Japanese families", runs the article in part, "and the single men all work for the company, mostly in the mill. There are 1,086 workers in the mill. Of these 210 are Japanese, or roughly 20 per cent.

"There are two unions in Ocean Falls—Local 360, the Paper Makers' Union, which is made up of the workers in the final stages of papermaking, and Local 312, Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers' Union, which takes in all other workers. The Japanese belong to the latter union. The Japanese members meet separately because of the language difficulty, but the need for this practice is rapidly decreasing. The Japanese have the reputation of keeping up dues 100 per cent and of aiding in all financial help to unions that appeal for a genuine cause. When the unions were formed in 1937, the basic wage for white workers was 47c per hour, and for Japanese 35c, making a differential of 12c. This was reduced later by 2c. At the 1940 wage conference, a further reduction of 2c in the differential was obtained, and Local 312 was pledged to get a further reduction this year. The present basic wage is 56c for white workers, and 48c for Japanese.

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"In Ocean Falls the goodwill goes further than the union. Here is a compact, isolated town where Japanese and white folk lives close together, even though one group is crowded into one end of the community. They cannot help knowing each other fairly well. The children go to school together, take part in sports together. The adult males work in the same plant and belong to the same union.

"If there were any great divergencies in attitudes or opinions, they would be noticed, and fresh prejudices would be formed. This is not the case. The tendency to extend the prejudice already existing toward Japan as a partner with the Axis powers, to all Japanese, whether born and educated in this country or not, is strong among many B.C. residents. In Ocean Falls it is not noticeable. Instead, one hears constant expressions of sympathy, 'I am sorry for the Japs here; they are decent and law abiding'. 'They are Canadian citizens just as we are. They want to raise their standard of living.' 'They can never improve their position. Their young people have no future,' etc.

"In the ordinary instances of patriotism the Japanese are quite on a par with the white population in Ocean Falls. This is shown in Victory Loan drives, war certificate sales, and Red Cross work. Of course, suspicious white may think the Japanese contributions are made solely for the purpose of recognition. But exactly the same charge could be levelled against white citizens.

"The Japanese Canadians have gone further; they have made untiring efforts to be accepted in the Canadian army and

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A Short Short

GOING through her husband's pockets one night, a Nisei wife came across a small visiting card on which was neatly written: "Mary Anne, MArine 6721". Next morning she indignantly confronted him with it. "And who is this hussy whose card you're carrying around with you"?

The husband broke out into a smile. "Why, my dear, you jealous little thing! Don't tell me you've never heard of Mary Anne."

"Not until I found this in your pocket", she fumed.

Hubby hastened to explain ". . . fastest three-year old on the tracks. Burning up Brighouse and Lansdowne. Mary Anne is a race horse on whom I've made a couple of winning bets. I was going to buy you a fur coat with my last clean-up . . ."

Wifie was still skeptical. "And MArine 6721"?

"Oh, that. I place my bets through the MArine office . . . 6721 stands for the odds on her next race, of course".

With that the matter closed. Three days later, the husband returned home to find his wife, a steely glare in her eyes, waiting for him. "What's up, dear"? he asked.

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"Viewpoint"

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other forces, as some of them were accepted in the first world war. Their efforts have been fruitless, and the tendency in official quarters to treat them as fifth columnists, is undoubtedly causing bitterness.

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"There is no reason to suppose that the Japanese in Ocean Falls are different from others in B.C. They are not a picked group, having come there voluntarily from various parts of the province. The study of this group of Japanese, however, shows that, when the white people take the Japanese into their groups, the Japanese show a strong loyalty and eagerness to fulfil their duties to the group and to the country of which they are citizens. None of the Orientals in B.C. have the vote, even when they are born here, and are otherwise full citizens.

"The question that forces itself upon the observer who is studying national problems is this: Can Canada afford to segregate and embitter groups of her citizens? If the Japanese in Canada are found engaging either in sabotage or subversive propaganda, they can be detected, and treated likewise. But to subject Canadian citizens, who are fulfilling every duty of citizenship, to constant discrimination and suspicion, is only to lay up future grief for Canada in her effort to become a united country. The attitude of the white workers to the Japanese in Ocean Falls might well be emulated in other quarters."

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Red Cross Notes

Mitts and Gloves Needed

Mrs. H. A. Ramsden, Provincial Chairman of the Red Cross Women's War Work Committee, has received word from National Headquarters that "the latest cable from Overseas indicates in no uncertain terms that they are still not getting enough mitts and gloves to be ready for the early autumn demands". Mrs. Ramsden urges all workers to knit these articles in preference to others.

Mobile Kitchen

The Gyro Club of Nanaimo has presented a cheque for $3,100 to the B. C. Red Cross Division to purchase a Mobile Kitchen. This makes the third Mobile Kitchen from B. C., the Junior Red Cross branches having presented the other two.

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ni, 52 graduates having been conferred bachelor of arts degrees. Ten alumni have graduated as bachelors of commerce. Next are bachelor of applied science degrees, eight grads having studied engineering; and five bachelors of Science in agriculture bring up the list.

Twenty of the alumni hold more than one degree, having taken post-graduate work at U. B. C., or at some other university in the United States or Canada. Ten of the 73 alumni are women, and four of these are now married.

Interesting to note is that 48 of the graduates are established in some way or other in Canada, and 33 of these in Vancouver. Twenty-one have settled down in the Far East, either in Japan, Manchoukuo or North China, the United States has claimed two, and two have passed on.

"Steveston"

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working at top-speed from 7 in the morning till after nine at night. Sunday is no holiday, for Saturday's catch must be canned. Monday is the one day in the week that mothers and sisters can stay at home to worry for a few, brief moments over neglected household tasks.

Closed period each week brings no respite either to weary fishermen. Overhauling boat and engine, attending to gear, patching and mending and "bluestoning" nets,—all these are jobs for the off-hours. They are necessary to make man, boat and gear a smooth, efficient productive unit. Only the man drives himself on to the limits of endurance, depending upon his wiry resilience to pull him through.

After the peak of the run is spent, each fisherman's catch will depend upon himself, upon his skill, his craft, and his knowledge. Towards the end of the month the "humpback" or pink salmon run will set in and "all-out effort" will again be the watchword.

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A Glance at the Nisei World . . .

By Staff Writer

HE brought enthusiasm, a kind of fresh vigour and idealism into the office, qualities which are not evident in Nisei society today. His ideas, at times, were slightly off tangent, but he was more than convincing for he spoke with conviction, without fear. He had ideas which he believed would solve the problem of the Nisei. In short, he knew all the answers, and sitting at our prosaic desk, we could not help suppress a smile, and feel somewhat in sympathy . . . for looking on him, we saw ourselves as we were some five, seven, ten years ago.

Perhaps from the Issei point of view, he is a little too cocksure, a little too "namaiki". From the point of view of his less energetic classmates, he might even be considered a "windbag". But we liked him. For to us, he was "all right". We too, had gone through that impatient, rebellious, idealistic stage. He was a part of us.

Indeed, talking to him, one could not help but contrast the Niseis growing up today with ourselves, at their age. A time there was when young 'teen-age Niseis faced the vast horizon with the light of vision in their eyes, and built golden careers. As kids what Nisei youth, way back in 1930, 1932, did not dream of doing something, of becoming somebody, of getting somewhere beyond the narrowing limits of our Nisei world? True, we built dreams and sometimes, like dream-castles in Spain, they vanished into thin air, too fragile and ethereal for everyday consumption: sometimes they were abandoned for newer dreams: sometimes they crumbled, but if they crumbled, what mattered, we built again. A dream was there, and we had our fun dreaming. We never quite attained our goal. Some of us today, are far afield of the path we mapped for ourselves, but no one can deny that in our dreaming and our striving, we build some form of pattern, some code of meeting the problems that crop up in our every-day existence. The impetus was there.

A TIME THERE WAS

But Nisei 'teen-age youth, graduating out of high school today, are, on the whole, a different sort of people. Ask the average Nisei what his intention, now that high school is behind him, is, and he will look you in the eye and say, matter-of-factly, that he is going to earn a living, of course. "Help the old man in his business," "Get a job somewhere in a mill," "I dunno yet, but I'll get a job." These are the answers. Perhaps the more fortunate will say "I guess I'll spend a year at 'Varsity." And if one is naive enough to venture forth with some remark about building a future, of becoming somebody, he is met with a terse "What's the use?"

We are of the same generation, yet poles apart. Perhaps, we, in our time, were fortunate, for we did not have a vast group of our members striving and dreaming, and often, in the face of it all, finding disillusion and defeat. We were all adventurers, feeling around, as it were, and since the field had not been traversed, we did not have held out before our eyes, ourselves ten years after, as examples of the hopeless outcome of an idealistic attitude toward living. Our hopes were not dashed by the eternal dogma of "Look at so and so! What did a higher education, a specialized training do for him? Where did his dreams and ambitions and his efforts lead him? He's only a clerk, a gardener, a salesman!" We knew of discriminations, but somehow they did not assume the vast proportions that they do in our Nisei world today. And, also, our parents, on the whole, were not securely established as they are now, and it took a little more effort, a little more stamina, for us to obtain those things which are so easily obtained these days.

WE WERE ADVENTURERS

It is true that one cannot live on ideals alone. It is true, to a degree, also, that in a practical, materialistic world, the realistic, matter-of-fact, almost fatalistic attitude safeguards one against too great a disappointment. Meet cold hard facts with a hard attitude. But we cannot believe that this is undeniably so. Our idealism in our day has not hurt us greatly. We have had our tumbles and our disappointments, but then too, there were moments when we caught a flash of a splendid experience, which in its own way, has minimized the debits in our ledger.

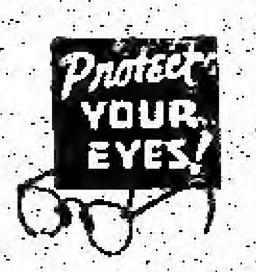
And so, we cannot help but wonder if this realistic attitude among the Nisei is so much an unflinching analysis of facts as it is a conditioned reflex, a defence mechanism, a comfortable excuse, for some personal inadequacies, some personal disinterest.

WE CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER . . .

The great events of history, the great social reforms, were brought about, not so much because of a practical adjustment to an existing condition, but more because some one or two individuals possessed a dream, an ambition, for a better and more glorious future. They were willing to sacrifice the present for the future.

We, in our Nisei world, are too prone to look upon an individual who is at variance with the common run of people as something eccentric, and if there chances upon the scene, someone who refuses to fit into our mold of life, we are apt to consider him as cocky, naive, or self-centred.

And so, glancing at the Nisei world, sitting back on the weight of the years which are mine, I cannot help but feel regret. Something of wonder, of value, of uplift, has gone out of the process of growing up.



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NEWSNOTES FROM EGMONT

(Ed. Note—We are pleased to present for the first time columns of Nisei doings throughout the Province a new correspondent with news jottings and patter from Egmont, B.C.).

EGMONT, B. C.—Greetings to the Nisei from Egmont! For those of you who are unfamiliar with the name, Egmont is located on Jervis Inlet very near the famous Skookum Chuck Rapids, and about 30 odd miles from the now popular summer resort at Princess Louisa Inlet.

Miss Yoshiko Hatashita has returned to Egmont again after a very pleasant vacation trip to the capital city. Miss Hatashita said her vacation was grand, but Egmont actually is much better. So very sorry, says she, to the correspondent and author of "Capital City Chatter".

By the way, an attractive young lady by the name of Mrs. E. Maruno accompanied Miss Hatashita on her return. Mrs. Maruno must think Egmont is good for something, since she has postponed her return to the city indefinitely. What is the attraction, Mrs. Maruno?

While some people like Egmont, others find the city more interesting. Mr. Nobuo Takai, who formerly stuck to a schedule of only one trip a year to the big city, has made another trip there,—twice in one month. Come, speak up, Mr. Takai, is it purely a business trip, or is it combined with pleasure?

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Thursday morning of last week a gay party of young people comprising Misses Y. and K. Hatashita, Mrs. Maruno, Frank and Tomo Hatashita, Ted Hayashi and this correspondent went aboard the Kiku Maru for a very enjoyable trip up Jervis Inlet to the famous Princess Louisa Falls, where the river meets the ocean waters and the eye views the creation of nature's wonderland.

En route back later in the day we stopped at the Malibu Trading Post, located at the entrance to the Princess Louisa Inlet. There we saw log cabins, Indian Teepees and totem poles, to remind us of the original inhabitants of this province. But the interiors of the log cabins are very much different from those of by-gone days. For there far distant from any city are to be found modern conveniences such as electricity, sanitary plumbing, running hot and cold water, tiled bathrooms with showers, and beautiful furniture. We hope that many of you will some day visit Malibu and leave your names in the guest book, just as we did.

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The Royston Lumber Co. ball team has been going through a series of ups and downs, mostly the latter. So it was with apologetic men that the boys gathered together on the night of August 2, prepared to face a sizzling lecture by **Manager Tats** for their performances lately. Fourteen pairs of eyes sparkled at the unexpected welcome they received. Instead of being bawled out, they were served a brief entree of advice followed by a gasping spread of hot dogs, pop and cantaloupe. With **Winkle** as the fireman, **Saky** the dog peddler, **Tats** the bun splitter and **Walt** the sad-eyed onion mower, the boys "went and got it," pausing only to loosen their belts.

Pepped up noticeably by the big feed, the boys went work on the Bevan crew the next day and downed them 4-2 before Yano's five-hit pitching. Yano struck out twelve while he and his teammates collected ten hits from Bevan's Fis. Royston scored their 4 runs in the 3rd when **Winkie Kimura** started the barrage with a double into right. Bevan's turn came in the 6th when they made 2 runs aided by errors but Yano brushed off the next three in a row to stop any further skirmish.

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The **golf germ** has taken up homesteading in the blood vessels of one **Kay S.**, he of the snow white duck cap. Every spare minute finds him denting our solid playground with his practice shots while on Sundas he haunts the local greens. He's aiming to give the oldsters something to worry about, all in ductime, of course. His scores are still on the extravagant side but just you wait, says he. Fairview golfers, please note—especially **Y. Y.**

The Junior ball league witnessed a fiery spectacle when the **Royston Juniors** turned out in blindingly bright yellow and white sweat shirts. Their appearance, however, dazzled their opponents only momentarily for both No. 1 and No. 5 turned them back, two in a row. The three teams will now fight it out in the playoffs for the cup held by No. 1 for two years.

On the feminine side, the girls report that summer heat or no, their knitting needles are clicking and their sewing machines humming as they continue busily with their Red Cross work. The younger girls are taking advantage of their holidays to pitch in their share.

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"He tears o'er the roads with the greatest of ease, that daring young man on the rattling trapeze", may be a corny version of **Kazzie's air conditioned** limousine of ancient vintage and doubtful ancestry as it burns up the highway but it's one of the most cheerful sights we've seen in a long time. Besides as Kazzie puts it, "No matter what you say, lads, it gets you there."

GANGES GLEANINGS

By THE GLEANERS

GANGES, B.C.—We wish to extend our sympathy and regrets to the Inouye family, recently arrived from Chemainus, who had the extreme misfortune of having their house burned down.

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On Saturday, July 26, about forty Japanese, old and young, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Murakami to hear a very interesting talk given by Rev. T. Tatsu of Vancouver.

On Monday evening, the Young People's Club held a special meeting with Rev. Tatsu as the guest speaker. The topic of this speech was "Unity", and members received his words with keen interest. Refreshments were served after the meeting, and during tea many a hearty laugh was heard while listening to the "Sensei's" humorous remarks.

Wednesday, July 30, was a happy day for the gay picnickers who attended the annual Young People's picnic at a beautiful spot—Walker's Hook. The cars left for their destination about 9:30 a.m. and returned at 6:30 p.m. In spite of the heat, softball proved to be the most popular, while swimming, fishing and boating were also enjoyed. P.S. Hope you had enuf of the refreshing punch, girls. My stomach!!

From Here and There

The Nakamura family of Victoria were here on Sunday to spend the day. It was good to see your folks again.

After spending a few weeks at Ganges, Mr. Tasaka and family, and Mrs. Nishi and daughter, returned to Vancouver Thursday. Also leaving the same day was Rev. Tatsu who had been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Murakami.

RIVERSIDE RIPPLES

By "RIPPLER"

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Luck was with the gill netters of the Fraser (from the mouth of the river as far up as the fish banks) last week as an unexpected big run suddenly swarmed into the Fraser.

In this one week, many of the fishermen caught more than they did during the whole season of 1940.

Both big fish and the expected small sockeyes were running good, although fish about 5 pounds were running the best.

High boat for the week is believed to be around 1800 sockeyes with an average of about 700 to a boat.

Sockeyes are now selling at 12c per lb. and 5c per fish extra.

What with the humpbacks (pinks) priced at 15c a piece (compared with the 5c in past years) the fishermen are ready to "go to town" this season.

It is believed another run of the sockeyes, which were expected back in 1938, will be pouring into the Fraser soon. To this the fishing boys joyfully shout is "Let 'em come!"

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One of the more outstanding pro-Anglo-American leaders of influence in Japan is Mamoru Shigemitsu, ambassador to Great Britain, who was recently hurriedly called home from London. Interviewed at San Francisco, the ambassador declared there was no reason why Great Britain and Japan could not or should not be able to adjust their relations.

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Marriage Costs In Japan

One Hundred Yen Salary Is Average

VANCOUVER.—Marriage and costs of marriage has been one of the most frequently discussed topics in the community in the past several months, and several organizations have devoted considerable time and study to it. Now comes a report from Tokyo, where the government-sponsored Population Problemss Institute has-conducted extensive reseach, detailing some very interesting figures. The average cost of getting married in Japan, it is disclosed, comes to just 440 yen.

Detailed studies have been made by members of the institute who approached 707 couples who married in Tokyo from October 1 to December 31, last year.

Studies are being continued by making a nation-wide investigation with due consideration being given to the occupation, age, and income of the husband, so that the Welfare Office will be able to formulate an adequate marriage expense rate which is expected to be of great help in applying the marriage loan system.

The recent Tokyo figures revealed that men marry on an average monthly income (including bonus) of 101.70 yen.

On studying the relation between wedding expenses and income according to occupations, the salaried man spends the most, with an expenditure of 5.2 times the monthly income, it was found.

Small scale business men rank next with a ratio of 4.2, followed closely by day laborers with 4.1.

Factory workers, who were expected to be in the van, surprised research workers by setting aside only 3.7 times their monthly income for wedding purposes.

Further investigation disclosed that the cost for the marriage ceremony and reception accounted for 37 per cent of the total expense. Wedding preparations (trousseau, etc.) required 22 per cent, while furniture and kitchen utensils took slightly less.

Compared with the average expenditure of 440 yen on the groom's side, it is interesting to note that bridegs require an average of 479.50 yen to prepare for marriage.

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American Loyalty To Keynote District U.S. Nisei Conferences

SEATTLE—When the Americans of Japanese ancestry meet for their Northwest and Southern California District Council conventions in Seattle and Long Beach, respectively, over the Labor Day holidays, the indications are that it will constitute an epoch-making stride in the work of the Japanese American Citizens League toward integrating the members more fully into the national life.

The Northern California District Convention opened last week in Monterey, with delegates and members from 26 of the 51 national League chapters in attendance. There, the creed of Americanism was stressed, as it will be at other conventions.

Radiating from national headquarters, and permeating all through these gatherings, the stress will be placed on the creed of loyalty and service to the nation. This is the basic principle of the organization, and has been brought out strongly of late.

U.S. Willing To Fight Says Gallup

With current American interest centered in the far East and Japanese-American relations, the Gallup Poll, premier U. S. check on American public opinion, revealed that Americans think the United States should take steps to check Japan's Far Eastern moves.

Even to the extent of risk in war with Japan, 51 per cent of the people voted "yes," 31 per cent voted "no," and 18 per cent were undecided.

The sectional vote showed that the South was strongest for intervening in the Orient with 60 per cent voting "yes," while 32 per cent objected, and 13 per cent remained undecided.

Westerg states (west of Kansas, Nebraska) showed the people were 55 per cent for checking Japan, 32 per cent for leaving her alone, and 24 per cent undecided. The other sections, New England, Middle Atlantic, East Central and West Central, showed U. S. opinion to be definitely in favor of U. S. intervention.

Compared to February of this year when the same question was asked of those polled with results of 39 per cent for checking Japan and 43 per cent for staying out, the poll reflects the steady shift in American opinion since the world situation became more acute with the passing months.

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Fighting Fife Rallies To Win Series Opener As Locals Blow Big Lead

Blowing a big 12-3 lead they had enjoyed until the seventh inning, the Vancouver Asahis dropped a tough tilt to Fife Nippons last Sunday at Sumner, Washington, in the first game of the annual best of three series for the Pacific Northwest championship.

When the Asahis rang in three substitutes in the fatal seventh inning after piling up what seemed to be a safe nine run lead, it ended in disastrous results. The Fife batters greeted new pitcher George Yoshinaka in this inning with a four hit attack and combined this with two bases on balls and three errors by the changed Asahi infield to score a total of five runs. Then Puyallup Valleyers followed this up in the eighth inning with a six run splurge to salt the ball game away.

It was a tough game to lose for the Asahis, for they seemed to have the game practically in the bag.

Originally scheduled for the Fife High School grounds, the encounter was switched to the grass ball field of the Fleischman's Yeast plant at Sumner when a heavy rain that fell just before the game made the Fife ground unplayable.

Nishihara Effective

The challengers opened the scoring in the first inning, pushing across two runs on three hits of Tommy Sawayama, before Nag Nishihara came in to relieve. Naggie pitched a swell game until the seventh, limiting the Nippons to only one run and three hits.

In the meanwhile Asahis came back in their half of the second inning to score four runs and three hits off Ben Yoshida on the mound for Fife. Ed Nakamura started off with a triple to deep right-centre and scored when the Fife left-fielder dropped Nag Nishihara's fly. Shishido, who had walked previously and stolen second and third bases, came home on a neat sacrifice bunt by Yuki Uno. Nishihara scored on a sharp single by Mike Maruno and Mike himself crossed the plate when Kaz Suga cracked out a bingle into right field. In the next inning the Asahis capitalized on the wildness of Ben Yoshida and Nobu Yoshida, who came in to relieve Ben, to tally six runs.

Pete Mello led the batters with three hits out of five times at bat. Kaz Suga hit two for four.

Although they lost the game, the locals played bang-up ball, completing two double-plays and stealing eleven bases.

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Asahis	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Terada, 3b	1	0	0	2	0	1
Yamamura, 3b	3	1	0	0	3	0
Uno, 1b	5	1	0	11	0	2
Maruno, ss	3	2	1	2	6	1
Suga, rf, p	4	2	2	0	0	0
Shiraishi, lf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Mitsui, c	1	1	1	4	0	0
Kutsukake, c	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nakamura, cf	4	2	1	0	0	0
Shishido, 2b	3	2	1	4	3	0
Sawayama, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
Nishihara, p	2	1	0	0	1	0
Yoshinaka, p, rf	1	0	0	0	1	1
Total	35	12	7	24	15	6

Fife Nippon	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Osaka, 2b	5	1	1	2	2	0
Uchida, ss	3	2	0	1	1	0
B. Yoshida, p, rf	4	3	1	2	0	0
Mello, lf	5	1	3	4	1	1
Kasai, cf	3	3	2	1	1	1
Sakahara, 1b	4	2	2	9	2	0
Takemura, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
N. Yoshida, p	4	1	1	2	0	1
Shimizu, c	2	0	0	1	0	0
Kuramoto, c	3	1	2	4	0	1
Takeuchi, 3b	1	0	0	0	2	0
Itami, 3b	4	0	1	1	2	0
Total	39	14	13	27	11	4

Asahis .... 046 002 000—12
Fife .... 200 001 56x—14

Summary — Triples, Nakamura, Sakahara; Doubles, Itami; Sacrifice hits, Uno, Nishihara, Uchida; Stolen bases, Yamamura, Suga 3, Mitsui, Kutsukake, Shishido 2, Nishihara 2, Sakahara; Hit by pitcher, Yamamura by B. Yoshida, Maruno by N. Yoshida, Suga by N. Yoshida; Struck out by Nishihara 4, by B. Yoshida 1, by N. Yoshida 3; Base on balls off Sawayama 2, off Nishihara 2, off Yoshinaka 2, off Suga 1, off B. Yoshida 6, off N. Yoshida 1.

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JACKSON GIVEN NOD TO KEEP OPEN GOLF CROWN - MAYBE

The blue chips go down at Langara this Sunday as top-notch golfers of Nihon-machi go all out in the classic event of the year, 90 holes, 360 strokes, and three weeks away is the club open championship, and the magnificent Baron Tomii trophy that goes with it.

Katsukawa Against the Field

From this distance it looks again like Jackson Katsukawa, talkative, punchy Northwest champ who bears down hard in match play, against the rest of the field. Last year he won the cup and crown after just making the qualifying round, then knocking over in succession Joe Kodaira, George Isogai and Herby Tanaka, one by one.

The qualifying round is scheduled for 18 holes this Sunday, the eight low gross golfers in each flight ("A" 6-16; "B" 17-30) will go 18 holes match play in the afternoon to determine semi-finalists. The semi-final round will also be an 18-hole affair, and the final round a 36-hole struggle.

The dopesters are picking George Isogai, Herby Tanaka and Reg Yasui, the rest of the big four, to qualify for certain. The veteran Isogai carded a 72 last week—the first even par score recorded this year. Given the nod, too, are George Ogino, the steady smoothie, and Jimmy Suzuki, long-driving optometrist who has his ups and downs. Joe Kodaira, Northwest "B" champ, "Pocket Battleship" Miura, and the veterans Bunji Hisaoka and Pat Nimi, are the threats who will be in there punching for the nod. Golfing medico Hal Kuwabara, of the patent stance and swing, took a cut in his handicap from 16 to 13, but doesn't look like a serious contender.

"B" Flight Tough

"B" flight is an unpredictable quantity. But George Tanaka's 17-handicap, and the golf he has been playing make him a favorite. One arm and all; he carded an 84 the other day. 18 handicappers Mosey Shinda, and Frank Miyazaki will be in there too, especially the latter, shooting to keep the Fukuma cup he won last year by eliminating Jimmy Togawa, "Hetton" Oyama and S. Ito.

Court Champions . . . . . . Iwasaki Out

Sunday's Play To Decide Major Honors

Providing that Mr. Pluvius is in one of his good moods and doesn't greet us this Sunday with one of his favored Sunday showers, "champeens" of every division except the mixed doubles will be known this Sunday as the Nippon Tennis Club Championship Tourney draws to a close. And yezziree, there certainly will be many changes made in the "Championship Roll."

The reign of Tommy Iwasaki as kingpin of the Nippon Tennis Club took a decided setback last Sunday when the ground-covering Gus Hirano, a long shot in the club tourney, ousted the champ in the third round.

Displaying sensational versatility and resistence, Gus Hirano fought back splendidly after losing the first set to Iwasaki, returning smash for smash and finally wore down the heretofore invincible champion to mark up the biggest upset in the tournament. In fact, the day was featured by upsets. Hard-working Shig Yamashita, the human dynamo, seeded second in the club, bowed out to Fred Sasaki in straight sets.

The semi-final this Sunday is going to be a battle of the ages. It's going to hurt both ways when staunch pals Gus Hirano and Shig Ouye meet to decide who's going to be in the finals. In the lower bracket Fred Sasaki meets last year's runner-up, Johnny Tanaka . . . . a good exhibition of tennis is in store.

In the ladies' singles the race has narrowed down to Fumi Deshima and Tomi Mizusawa by their wins over Tomi Iwasaki and Teiko Ide, respectively. We pick (your guess is as good as ours) to win!

In order to complete the tourney as soon as possible a few mixed and a men's doubles were played last Wednesday night. In the men's doubles the high-stepping duo of Shig Ouye and Gus Hirano, the team that made the fine showing in the recent hardcourts tournament, reached the quarter finals by knocking over Mi Akiyama and Sam Hagino 6-3 and 7-5. They meet the veteran pair of Kinoshita and Matsubayashi this Sunday, the winners meeting the finalists of the top bracket, probably defending champs Iwasaki-Tanaka.

The only game played last night was a ladies doubles victory by Kay Sasaki and Sumi Nobuoka over Mune Arikado and Sadako Iwasa.

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Montidor Spoils Nag's Return To Burrard Front

Pats' Edge N.S. To Help Asahis Hold Third Spot

Long absent Nag Nishihara toed the slab for the Nipponese all-stars in his first Burrard League debut and twirled a 7-hit game, but his teammates' apparent off-night with the willows was the obvious explanation for the 3-1 defeat by the league-leading Diethers. This loss puts the Asahis' third place in a precarious position as the Shipbuilders are now only 1½ games behind.

Monty Montidor on the Diether mound had the Asahis fanning thin air and yielded only 4 hits, 2 each by Kaz Suga and Frank Shiraishi.

Asahis scored their lone run in the initial inning as Roy Yamamura, who reached first on base on balls, scored on Kaz Suga's hard liner to centre bay. Asahis pushed their men into scoring position four times, but each time the reps failed to hit in the clutch.

Bruce Thirsk, veteran guard of the hot corner, was the big Diether hero as he drove out a hard line drive to centre, scoring Ed Henry and then scoring on Dick Bentley's pop out to left. Again in the fifth he grooved one over Cordova Street on the side of the home run mark for a circuit blow. In his third and final time at bat he cracked another over Cordova for a double.

Asahis	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Yamamura, 3b	3	1	0	0	0	1
Maruno, ss	3	0	0	0	2	0
Uno, 1b	3	0	0	12	0	0
Suga, cf	3	0	2	0	1	0
Shiraishi, lf	3	0	2	2	1	1
Mitsui, c	3	0	0	1	3	0
Nakamura, rf	2	0	0	3	0	0
Shishido, 2b	1	0	0	2	5	0
Nishihara, p	3	0	0	1	1	1
*Kutsukake	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	4	21	13	3

*Kutsukake batted for Shishido in the 7th.

Summary—Home run, B. Thirsk; Doubles, Thirsk, Henry, Shiraishi; Sacrifice hit, Boston, Shishido; Stolen bases: Suga; Runs batted in, Suga, Thirsk 2, Bentley; Struck out by Montidor 6, by Nishihara 3; Base on balls of Montidor 4, off Nishihara 1; Hit by pitcher, Bentley by Nishihara; Left on bases, Diethers 5, Asahis 4; Umpire, Vanhatten.

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Sports Spotlight

What a blow-up the Fife-Asahi game must have been. Maybe it was overconfidence or maybe it was something else . . . Anyhow I wasn't there to see the game and the boys prefer not to talk about it, so I am still in the dark. All the information I gathered together was that the Canucks held a healthy 9-run lead, an assurance of victory in any diamond tilt, so manager Yamamuura withdrew himself, chucker Nishihara, who was going great guns in his first appearance, and benched Koei Mitsui for subs and handed the game wrapped up in a pretty package and on a silver platter to the Courier Double-aye Champions. This was all a very nice gesture on the part of the localites since they were being treated so nicely by their hosts, but it might have been foolhardy enough to cost them the Northwest championship.

Of course I don't blame Roy one bit. If he wanted to give everybody a chance his intentions were at least honorable. After all who'd want to travel hundreds of miles just to sit on a bench. Again, if he hadn't changed the lineup and given others a chance when his team held a fat 9 run lead, he would have been criticized for not giving everybody a break. A manager's role is not so sweet and we deeply sympathize with Roy . . .

One thing, though, the series here in Vancouver will be much more interesting for the boys will have to go all out in order to take both games or lose the championship. They have kept this side of the border for the past 5 years.

The date of the remainder of the International series to be held in Vancouver is not fixed yet, but one thing certain is that Labor Day is out. Previously it had been thought that Fife would invade Vancouver on Labor Day as in previous years, but on that day the J.A.C.L. confab in Seattle is slated. That means that it will have to be either the 17th or the 24th of this month . . . . Let's win 2 straight . . . as Editor Sh… Fukei of the Seattle Great Northern thinks we can.

The Forgotten League —Japanese League resumes again this Sunday. (It's about time.) The first game of the best-out-of-three final between the defending champion Union Fish outfit and Messrs. Sh… Hoshino-sponsored Powell Drug is slated for 11:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. There was talk going around about having a double-header this Sunday in order to try and finish off the series as quickly as possible but evidently it's fallen through . . . I still don't know how they're going to finish off unless they wait until September. Asahis have to play Fife and also Chemainus this month, that will take up two Sundays of the remaining four. Tell me how you're going to do it, Don?

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